

6.[amended] The article of claim 4 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide or refractory metal alloy oxide is on said layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound.

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7.[amended] The article of claim 4 wherein a layer comprised of the reaction products of (i) refractory metal or refractory metal alloy, (ii) oxygen and (iii) nitrogen is on said layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound.

8.[amended] The article of claim 2 wherein a layer comprised of the reaction products of (i) refractory metal or refractory metal alloy, (ii) oxygen and (iii) nitrogen is on said layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound.

[Please add the following claims:]

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10. The article of claim 1 wherein said refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound is selected from the group consisting of nitrides and carbonitrides.

11. The article of claim 10 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal or refractory metal alloy is on said layer comprised of polymer.

12. The article of claim 10 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide or refractory metal alloy oxide is on said color and protective layer.